

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY  
JUVENILE COURT DEPARTMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_**SCHOOL DISTRICT,**  
Petitioner

\_\_\_\_\_,  
(DOB \_\_\_\_\_)  
Respondent

TRUANCY PETITION FOR AN ORDER  
COMPELLING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE  
CLERK'S ACTION REQUIRED

The petitioner, the \_\_\_\_\_ School District, requests that this Court assume jurisdiction over  
\_\_\_\_\_ (student/parent) and issue an order compelling school attendance of the student.  
The Respondent is the ☐ student and/or ☐ parent(s) or guardian.

**I. SUBJECT OF THE PETITION**

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender ☐ M ☐ F

Ethnicity (required by RCW 28A.225.035): African American/Black \_\_\_\_\_ Asian/ Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_

Hispanic/Latino \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Race \_\_\_\_\_ Native American \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_.

Legal Residence \_\_\_\_\_

School where Student is enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Date school year begins and ends \_\_\_\_\_

Number of days and the dates the child has been absent without excuse for a majority of hours or periods:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Copies of school attendance records are attached: ☐ yes ☐ no

**II. IDENTIFICATION OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN**

Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

If this petition is being filed for purposes of alleging a violation of the school attendance laws by **the parent**, briefly **state** the underlying facts which lead the school district to believe that the parent is the party primarily responsible for the child's truancy.

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### **III. STATUTORY DUTIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Pursuant to RCW 28A.225.020 the school district has done the following to address the truancy of the above named student:

☐ Informed the parent(s)/guardian ☐ in writing and/or ☐ by phone that the student has been absent without excuse. List dates and attach copies of the letters \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Scheduled a conference with the student and parent(s)/guardian after a second absence without excuse. List dates on which the conferences were scheduled and held and the individuals who attended. The result of the conference was as follows:

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In addition to the above, the School District has undertaken the following actions to eliminate or reduce the student's absences:

- ☐ adjusted schedule
- ☐ adjusted student's program
  - ☐ course changes
  - ☐ vocational classes
  - ☐ work experience
- ☐ arranged transportation changes
- ☐ provided tutoring
- ☐ provided individualized remedial instruction
- ☐ arranged for morning calls
- ☐ conducted home visits or conference
- ☐ referred the student to a community truancy board  
(please attach a narrative statement on actions taken by truancy board)
- ☐ made a special education referral (Focus of Concern)
  - ☐ testing completed
  - ☐ held Multi-disciplinary Team Meeting

- ☐ ESL evaluation and assessment undertaken
  - ☐ offered special School District programs:
  - ☐ alternative school placement
  - ☐ retention & retrieval programs
  - ☐ counseling
  - ☐ other
- ☐ contacted community agencies providing repositioned staff to school districts or school sites  
Please list: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ contacted the student's probation officer
- ☐ contacted local police department

Did the School District enter into an agreement with the student and parent that established school attendance requirements? ☐ yes ☐ no Attached is a copy of the agreement.

Is the School District aware of any other matter pending in juvenile court?

There ☐ is ☐ is not a pending At-risk-youth petition involving this student. ☐ I do not know if there is a pending ARY petition.

There ☐ is ☐ is not a pending Child in Need of Services petition involving this student. ☐ I do not know if there is a pending CHINS petition.

There ☐ is ☐ is not a pending offender (criminal) matter. ☐ I do not know if there is a pending offender matter.

In the declarant's opinion the cause of the child's absence from school is as follows:

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Interpreter services in \_\_\_\_\_ language ☐ hearing impaired are required for ☐ child ☐ parent(s)

I certify that the above information is true and accurate and that the school has complied with the statutory requirements of RCW 28A.225.020. I am filing this petition because the actions taken by the school district have not been successful in substantially reducing the child's absence from school, and court intervention and supervision are necessary to assist the school district in reducing the child's absence from school. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the following is true and correct.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Print name of person filing this form

Signature

Job Title

Address & Telephone Number

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Attached to and incorporated by reference to this petition are the following:

- ☐ Attendance Records
- ☐ Student's School Registration Form(s)
- ☐ Copies of all Letters Sent to Parents/guardian
- ☐ Notices of Suspension
- ☐ Witness List for hearing
  - ☐ principal or assistant principal
  - ☐ truant officer
  - ☐ school counselor
  - ☐ other (i.e., Child Protective Services or other interested parties)

File Petition At:

King County Juvenile Court  
1211 East Alder, Courtroom VI  
Seattle, WA 98122

**OR**

Regional Justice Center  
401 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue N, Courtroom 1H  
Kent, WA 98032